

Amendments To The Specification

Please replace the title with the following amended title:

--~~CORKSCREW~~CORK EXTRACTOR FOR CORKS OF BOTTLES OF CHAMPAGNE, SPARKLING WINE, PROSECCO, CIDER OR THE LIKE--

Please replace the paragraph on page 1 on lines 8 and 11 with the following amended paragraph:

--The present invention relates to a ~~corkscrew~~cork extractor for corks of bottles of champagne, sparkling wine, prosecco, cider or the like, wherein a build-up portion of the cork surrounds the front side of the bottleneck while a driving collar of the ~~cork extractor~~corkscrew engages the build-up portion of the cork from beneath for pulling out the cork, wherein the driving collar is liftable by means of an actuating means shaped as a lever or spindle drive in the direction of the longitudinal axis of the bottle relative to an abutment collar supported by the bottle.--

Please replace the paragraph on page 1 on lines 19 and 21 with the following amended paragraph:

--~~Corkscrews~~Cork extractors of this type having a swivel lever are known from US 4,598,613 and EP 0 291 546. EP 0 229 560 A1 and US 2,761,338 describe ~~corkscrews~~cork extractors of this type, wherein the actuating means is designed as a thread arrangement.--

Please replace the paragraph on page 2 on line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

--Therefore, it is an object of the present invention to provide a ~~corkscrew~~cork extractor of the type described above which is inexpensive to manufacture, has an attractive design and at the same time is easy to handle so that users having relatively small hands and little force can effortlessly and safely use the corkscrew.--

Please replace the paragraph on page 3 on line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

--For securely guiding and gripping the cork head, an engaging collar roughly corresponding to the height of the cork build-up may be formed above the driving collar in such a manner that the cork build-up is arranged between the driving collar and the engaging collar when the ~~corkscrew~~cork extractor is applied.--

Please replace the paragraph on page 3 on line 23 with the following amended paragraph:

--Fig. 1 shows a longitudinal section through a complete ~~corkscrew~~cork extractor according to the present invention;--

Please replace the paragraph on page 4 on line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

--Fig. 5 shows a lateral view of a second embodiment of a ~~corkscrew~~cork extractor according to the present invention; and--

Please replace the paragraph on page 4 on line 11 with the following amended paragraph:

--A ~~corkscrew~~ cork extractor as shown in the drawing comprises a first half-cylinder shell 1, a second half-cylinder shell 2 and a swivel lever 3 as actuating means.--

Please replace the paragraph on page 4 on lines 17 and 18 with the following amended paragraph:

--A swivel bearing flange 4 having a swivel bearing bore 5 is arranged on the upper side of the first half-cylinder shell 1 while a swivel bearing flange 6 having a swivel bearing bore 7 is arranged on the upper side of the second half-cylinder shell 2, which bores each receive swivel bearing bolts (not shown) arranged on the swivel lever ~~(not shown in the drawing)~~.--

Please replace the paragraph on page 4 on line 28 with the following amended paragraph:

--In the initial position shown in Fig. 1, in which the champagne cork is gripped, an abutment collar 10 is formed on the second half-cylinder shell 2 at the height of the driving collar 8 with a guiding collar 11 being formed below the former to engage the bottleneck of the bottle from which a cork is to be extracted.--

Please replace the paragraph on page 5 on lines 11-16 with the following amended paragraph:

--~~The user grips the~~ As the swivel lever 3 ~~with one hand while gripping~~ is gripped by the user's first hand, the outer side of both half-cylinder shells 1, 2 is gripped by the user's

second hand. Hereby Thereafter, the driving collar 8 and the abutment collar 10 are pressed into the gap between the ~~lower side-bottom end~~ of the build-up of the cork and the ~~front sidetop end~~ of the bottleneck so that the abutment collar 10 is supported on this ~~front-sidetop end~~ while the driving collar 8 ~~is in contact with the lower side~~ engages the bottom end of the cork build-up.--

Please replace the paragraph on page 5 on lines 18, 21, 25, and 26 with the following amended paragraph:

~~--Now, if~~ Thereafter, when the swivel lever 3 is swivelled upwards in the direction of the arrow 16, a downward force is exerted on the second half-cylinder shell 2 via the swivel bearing 7 in the direction of the arrow 17 so that the abutment collar 10 is supported on the ~~front-sidetop end~~ of the mouth of the bottle and an upward force exerted on the first half-cylinder shell 1 in the direction of the arrow 18 are applied so that the build-up portion of the cork and with it the cork itself is driven upwards in the direction of the longitudinal axis of the bottle and pulled out of the mouth of the bottle, wherein the portion of the second half-cylinder shell 2 above abutment collar 10 serves as a guide for the cork and at the same time fixes it in a defined manner after having been removed from the mouth of the bottle so that the cork cannot fly off.--